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Today

*Mostly cloudy
High 82
Low 66*



Saturday

*Mostly cloudy
High 84
Low 66*



Sunday

*Mostly cloudy
High 84
Low 66*



Courtesy of the 65th OSS
Weather Flight

View from above

*A view from above shows the site of Praia
Fest 2006, which kicks off today. See more
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PERSPECTIVE

Airman reflects on true meaning of being Wingmen

**By Senior Airman
Francesca Carrano**

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

In today's Air Force culture, we often hear people reference Wingmen. It has become almost cliché — "Do you have a Wingman?"

But really, who are these mystical little creatures, this race or culture who is supposed to take care of us?

I've been thinking about it a lot lately. Maybe because my time in the Air Force is coming to a close, and I am nostalgic; maybe I've simply had too much time on my hands. Either way, I want to share what I've come to learn — being a Wingman is, surprisingly, not about you.

When I first came to my office, straight out of technical school, I wondered if I was ever going to have a Wingman. You see, I was under the misconception that a Wingman needed to be a specific, designated person whose additional duty was to watch my back.

Over the last few years a myriad of circumstances have taught me that being a Wingman means more than looking out for the people I work with or someone I know from the dorms or have seen in the dining facility. A true Wingman is there no matter what the circumstance, no matter who is in need.

In his book "Invisible Lines of

Connection," Lawrence Kushner shares the story of a young woman sitting near the back of a bus, riding home, during the early days of World War II. Suddenly, the bus is stopped by Nazi agents. The agents demanded everyone show them their papers. As the agents systematically work their way through the bus, sending all Jewish riders to a waiting truck, the young woman began to shake uncontrollably. A man sitting next to her leaned over and asked what was wrong.

The young girl whispered back to the man that she did not hold the same papers he did — she was a Jew. Instantly, the man jumped to his feet and began yelling at the top of his voice. He cursed her, said he wished he had never laid eyes on her — she made him sick and disgusted. The agents stopped what they were doing and rushed to the rear of the bus to find the reason for this huge commotion.

The man, exacerbated, explained that his wife had forgotten her papers again. How could she be so careless? The Nazi agents laughed and left the bus, amused at the man's misfortune having such a stupid wife.

When the bus came to the next stop the man and the young woman both stepped off and walked in opposite directions. Neither ever knowing the other's name, but knowing that moment saved a young woman's life.

Long before the term was established, the man on the bus gave us a perfect example of what it means to be a Wingman.

Being a true Wingman is selfless. It transcends race, culture, jobs and upbringing. As members of the Air Force, we face challenges every day that many of our counterparts will never even understand, let alone experience. These daily challenges are what bind us together as brothers and sisters at arms.

Nowhere else will we find a work environment or corporation like ours. It is each of our responsibility to ensure the health and well being of our fellow Airmen.

Being a Wingman is the most important thing we can do. It may be as simple as a smile while passing in the hall or inviting a new coworker to the gym or as difficult as consoling someone who has just lost a family member. Being a good Wingman to someone else is bigger than any one person. It is a way of life.

What I'm trying to say is Wingmen aren't perfect little fairy godmothers following us around ensuring nothing goes wrong. The power is ours to make a difference. Each day, look around yourself for opportunities to be a Wingman to someone else.

Whatever avenue presents itself — seize it. It could change someone else's life.

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- Col. Robert Winston
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing



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External ESOHCAMP team arrives Monday

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

An external Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program, or ESOHCAMP, team arrives Monday to assess all Lajes shops for environmental compliance.

The team will be composed of members from Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe as well as other USAFE bases and other Department of Defense agencies, such as the U.S. Army.

An ESOHCAMP evaluation considers 15 environmental compliance categories as well as occupational health and safety protocols, according to Susana Simões, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight.

"Each protocol evaluates activities compared to the requirements established in the Final Governing Standards for Portugal, the Department of Defense, U.S. Air Force and USAFE instructions, Code of Federal Regulations and Air Force Occupational Safety and Health Standards," Ms. Simões explained.

Ms. Simões said the ESOHCAMP program, developed by the Air Force, established the use of environmental, safety and occupational health assessments to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, local, DoD and Air Force requirements.

"Every three years, we have an external assessment and the two years in between we receive an internal assessment," she said. "These assessments help provide credibility to host-nation regulators that the U.S. Air Force is committed to the health and safety of its workers and the protection of the environment.

"It's a snapshot in time," Ms. Simões continued. "While there seems to be an inordinate amount of findings, the solutions for a good portion of the findings are already in work."

To ensure Lajes is successful, Ms. Simões gave some last-minute tips.

"All organizations should be vigilant about any event that impacts their people and the environment and contact the CE Environmental Flight, Bioenvironmental or Wing Safety if they feel there is a need to address an environmental, occupational health or safety concern," she said.

"Also, remember the primary objec-

External ESOHCAMP "Last-Minute" Reminders -- Assessment Aug 7-11, 2006

Areas of evaluation

❑ Next week's ESOHCAMP evaluation will consider 15 environmental compliance categories as well as occupational health and safety protocols.

Hazardous materials

❑ All organizations should designate a point of contact to scrutinize their areas for hazardous materials and either stow or dispose of them according to regulations.
❑ Hazardous materials can either be turned-in to the HAZMART Pharmacy or to the hazardous waste storage area with the proper documentation, such as Material Safety Data Sheets.

Petroleum, oil and lubricants and storage tanks

❑ All organizations should also designate someone to scrutinize their areas to ensure:
– Petroleum, oils and lubricants and storage tanks are stowed and marked properly; and
– Spill kits and site-specific spill plans are up to date and easily accessible.

Personal protective equipment

❑ Everyone should ensure they know where personal protective equipment is located.
❑ It should be easily accessible, cleaned, stored properly and workers should be aware of when to use it.

Final tips

❑ Be honest with the assessors.
❑ If you are not sure of something, direct the question to your supervisor.

Contact information

❑ CES Environmental, 535-3143
❑ Bioenvironmental, 535-6206
❑ Wing Safety, 535-3304

tives of ESOHCAMP are to improve Air Force environmental, safety and occupational health compliance and management worldwide, and to build supporting financial programs and budgets for ESOH compliance requirements," she continued. "Be honest with the assessors and if you are not sure of something, direct the question to your supervisor."

Good to Know

Consolidated helpdesk

Beginning Tuesday, the Lajes network helpdesk will transition computer and network support operations to the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Consolidated Helpdesk at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

This transition will provide client system administrators and users centralized around-the-clock customer support for any computer and network issues by calling 478-HELP (4357).

Users will still have the option to work through their unit CSA, but now will also have the ability to call the CHD directly.

Another tool to assist users is the addition of a web-based interface that allows customers to check the status of their own tickets by visiting <https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/chd>.

Watermen Feast

Takes place Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the beach in Praia as part of Praia Fest 2006 activities. The cost to participate is 20 Euros; all equipment will be provided. All participants are required to wear protective gear, such as life vests and wet suits and know how to swim; life vests will be provided. For more information, call Francisco Rosa at 96-630-2479.

Coupon program

The Wingman Coupon Program is in need of volunteers to help sort through several boxes of coupons that have been donated by different organizations from the States and are going unused because of the time it takes for a single household to sort them. The next sorting of coupons takes place Aug. 12 at noon in the Lajes Airman and Family Readiness Center, located in Bldg. T-126. For more information on this program, call Tech. Sgt. David Roux at 535-3148.

Homeschool group

The Lajes Homeschool Group will hold its first meeting of the 2006-2007 school year Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. in the community activity center ballroom. All homeschooling families or families thinking about homeschooling are welcome to attend. For more information, e-mail Lisa Gallant at mldag02@yahoo.com.

Good to Know

Limited hours

The Top of the Rock Club will have limited hours Aug. 4-11. The enlisted lounge will be open from 4 to 11 p.m.; the officer's lounge will be closed; cashier's cage hours will not change; Caravela will be open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. but closed for dinner; "Bits and Bites" will be available at the bar Aug. 1-5 and Aug. 8-12.

Also, the bowling center will have limited hours Aug. 8-27. It'll be closed Mondays and Tuesdays, open from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays but open on Portuguese holidays.

Clinic phone system

The clinic now has an Automated Call Distribution phone system. People can call the clinic at 535-3261 (295-57-3261 if off base).

- ☐ Press 1 for all appointments
- ☐ Press 2 for Dental
- ☐ Press 3 for Life Skills
- ☐ Press 4 for the Referral Management Center and Medical Records
- ☐ Press 5 for all clinics and other services.

Shuttle service

A mid-day shuttle service runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Its seven stops occur in the following order: T-708 (Fuels/Flight Kitchen), T-612 (passenger terminal/Communications Squadron), T-166 (lodging), T-131 (dorm), T-415 (clinic/dining hall), T-570 (Civil Engineer Squadron) and T-815 (Security Forces Squadron). After the last stop, the bus returns in the opposite order. It makes four trips per day.

Cabo TV service

The PT store at the Portuguese Terminal now makes contracts for the Portuguese cable company, Cabo TV Acoreana. Individuals interested in subscribing to the Portuguese cable service need to stop at that office to sign a contract. They are open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 295-57-2209.

Officials give theft-prevention tips

By 1st Lt. Shilo Weir
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Unlocked doors, open windows, unattended valuables ...not only are these things a bad idea, but they are an open invitation to have one's valuable stolen by a thief.

According to 65th Security Forces Squadron officials, larceny — both on- and off-base — is a common crime and often one of opportunity.

"Opportunity theft is the main trigger we see here," said Senior Airman McKinzie Nash, NCO in charge of reports and analysis, 65 SFS. "Most cases have been where the victim leaves their belongings out in plain sight. It's a common scenario that can easily be avoided."

With festival season underway, it's also important to remember that, historically speaking, larceny is more common on the island during holidays and celebrations.

"Most thefts here occur during these times," Airman Nash said. "For example, two grills were stolen during Fourth of July weekend. During the Christmas holiday season, we see larceny cases triple."

It's just as easy to prevent a theft as it is to commit one, according to Staff Sgt. Michael Logan, NCO in charge of investigations, 65 SFS.

"It only takes a few minutes for someone to steal your personal property," he said.

Set up safeguards

Staff Sgt. Logan offered the following tips for safeguarding your home, vehicle and other valuables:

hicle and other valuables:

Housing/dormitories

- ☐ Keep all entrances well illuminated.
- ☐ Lock your doors when you leave, even if only for a few minutes
- ☐ Dorm residents should never leave purses, wallets, or other valuables unattended in common area
- ☐ Make a list of your valuables with a description and serial number
- ☐ Use an engraver and mark your items.
- ☐ If someone is prowling outside your residence, call the police and turn on several lights.
- ☐ Do not enter your home or apartment if you find a door or window open, or if it has been burglarized.
- ☐ When you are home and someone attempts to break into your home or apartment, call the police, and lock doors between you and intruder.
- ☐ Chain up outdoor items you don't want stolen (i.e. grills, patio furniture, etc.)

Vehicles

- ☐ Park in well-lighted area
- ☐ Park in lots that are frequently used.
- ☐ Secure all valuables (CDs, DVDs, Playstations, etc.) in the trunk of your car or remove them from your car.
- ☐ Keep cash, checks, credit cards, and wallets/purse with you at all times. Never leave them unattended in plain sight.

Be alert, aware

Taking steps to protect your valuables and prevent theft can be simple, the sergeant said. He then offered one last piece of advice.

"Be alert and be aware," he said, "Don't be a victim."



Festival prep

Marco Afonso, left, and Jose Lima, electricians for the City of Praia, set up street lights near the Praia beachfront Monday. The lights will be used for stage shows during Praia Fest 2006, which kicks off today. See festival highlights in last week's Crossroads, available online at www.lajes.af.mil. Once there, click on the "Newspaper" tab on the "Featured Links" section. (Photo by Guido Melo)





Exercise trains warriors for 'downrange' missions

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

More than 150 personnel from several USAFE installations, including eight troops from Lajes, teamed up for the July Silver Flag Course at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

The training and exercise course is designed to bring several Air Force specialties together to learn how each specialty plays a role in a bare-base setup.

The first week of the course was in-house training with AFSC specific instructors. The program allows functions to learn how to operate in a deployed situation.

The course, in its second year with the new curriculum, comes at a time that deployments are becoming a way of life in the Air Force.

Previously, the course was designed for primarily civil engineer career fields.

"It gives you a more real-world approach," said Senior Airman Dan Jernsted, an emergency manager from the readiness A-team assigned to the 31st Civil Engineer Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy. This is his second time at Silver Flag. "Last time it was just CE, and you don't get the big picture," he explained.

This group was comprised of 23 different Air Force specialties that receive training in either the expeditionary leadership program track, training specific to their career field, or both to prepare them for a deployment or real-world contingency.

Students attend classroom training for the first four days of the course to prepare for their time in the field.

During the classroom portion, members of the ELP create a beddown plan for presentation to the wing commander.

The beddown plan lays the ground work for setting up a bare base.

Crews built Bohica Air Base July 22 from almost nothing to show their capability. The dining facility was able to serve Unitized Group Rations for dinner that night.

"In services our priority is the morale of the troops," said 2nd Lt. Guy Meyer, 100th Services Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, England. "Providing them a hot meal and a place to sleep after a long day is our mission."

Five of the Lajes warriors were from the 65th Services Squadron. They were in-



Airmen take part in the Silver Flag exercise. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud)

strumental in providing lodging, meals, recreation and even a Tactical Field Exchange during the exercise.

Along with the services personnel, troops from a variety of AFSC's completed their mission and were able to show how they fit into the puzzle in a contingency environment.

"It gives everyone a realistic picture of what everyone brings to the fight and a better understanding of how the processes take place in accomplishing that mission," said Master Sgt. Tyrone Grissett, assigned to the 100th Services Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, England.

The exercise tested readiness, fire, utilities, structures, electric and power pro, HVAC, engineer assistants and operations management civil engineer specialties. Other functions that participated in this Silver Flag exercise were a first sergeant, postal, ground radio, network management, personnel, log planning, supply, services, public affairs, legal, contracting, finance and a chaplain.

"We started with nothing and built a fully functional Air Base in 24 hours," said Capt. Chris Busque, 31st Mission Support Squadron MPF commander. "We truly defined the essence of expeditionary air power and stood as benchmark for others to follow."

"In our own way we all play a small part of a bigger picture," he said. "When combined, we become a very awesome thing, the United States Air Force. For the first time in my career I saw the big picture, and was glad to be a part of it."

Troops from Lajes included services, contracting, finance and public affairs. Staff Sgt. Kamilah Ballenger, 65th SVS, was recognized as a superior performer for her role during the exercise.

Good to Know

Water quality study

In an effort to develop a better efficiency in Lajes' water treatment plant, the base is conducting a study to improve the water quality here.

The study began July 17 and will continue for approximately a month. The water will remain safe to drink, but if people notice any changes to the taste and odor of their drinking water, they should call the 65th Civil Engineering Customer Service Line at 535-3335.

See the Drinking Water Quality Report at S:\MDG\SGOAB, the base post office or at the bioenvironmental engineering office in Bldg. T-425 for more information.

Base in-processing

All newcomers must in-process the base through the military personnel flight prior to attending Right Start. Due to the construction of the Consolidated Support Group, mass in-processing briefings on Mondays take place at the Lajes Airman and Family Readiness Center beginning at 10 a.m. On Wednesdays, the briefings take place at 2 p.m. at the Military Personnel Flight in Bldg. T-112.

For more information, call the MPF staff at 535-5143 or 535-4125.

New license plates

In an ongoing effort to enhance force protection measures, privately owned vehicle license plates for Team Lajes will now match the license plates of local Portuguese hosts.

Vehicle registrants with last names beginning with A through I should have already exchanged their plates; J through P should exchange their plates in August and Q through Z in September.

The cost of the new license plate will be \$30. The license plates can be picked up at the auto hobby shop. The 65th Services Squadron has purchased the machine and plates to do the SUV style plates, similar to the local national ones.

The pass and registration office is open Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 535-3611 for details.



News Feature



(Above) Warrant Officer Robert Penner, third mate, builds a "gangway" on-board the "Major General Winfield Scott" as (right) Spc. Derrick Swetnam, watercraft operator, cleans the windows of the U.S. Army tugboat.



Lajes Airmen refuel U.S. Army tugboat

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A U.S. Army tugboat – the "Major General Winfield Scott" – departed the Azores Tuesday on its way back to Fort Eustis, Va., after receiving more than 28,000 gallons of diesel fuel and other supplies from the 65th Air Base Wing at the military port in Praia.

Chief Warrant Officer Robert Kimball, vessel master, commented on the support given to his Soldiers during their four-day stopover.

"The support we've received has been outstanding and the people here are really friendly," the vessel master said. "We've never been somewhere where we've felt more welcome."

Chief Kimball said his 73rd Transportation Company Soldiers have been excited about this mission of returning the tugboat, which has been pre-positioned in England, back into service.

"We've done this mission, one that normally takes 12 weeks, in a span of only six weeks," he said. "They've put in a lot of hard work and long hours to get the job done."

Warrant Officer Robert Penner, third mate, said he was impressed with the people here and the support he and his fellow Soldiers received while on the island.

"I was here about five or six years

ago," he said. "I haven't seen this kind of support anywhere else. This stopover has been awesome."

Maj. Robert Hoff, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, said this operation puts into practice one of key missions of the 65th Air Base Wing.

"As our wing commander often tells us, one of our wing's primary missions is to get warfighters to and from the fight," the major said. "That's exactly what this operation is all about. Not only do we do support warfighters transiting the Azores by aircraft but we also do it in a rare instance like this when we help refuel and re-supply an Army tugboat."

Major Hoff said this operation puts on display the flexibility of Airmen, especially the enlisted corps.

"Our Air Force culture encourages flexibility and the ability to think," he said. "Our professional enlisted corps live up to those standards every day and it is them that make operations like this a success. We're able to refuel a seagoing Army tugboat using aircraft refueling means. That's quite unusual."

Master Sgt. Brian Luci, 65 LRS fuels operations superintendent, said his team prepared for the tugboat stopover several weeks in advance.

"It's not everyday we have the opportunity to refuel a U.S. Army tugboat," Sergeant Luci said. "We did whatever needed to be done to support their visit to the island."

Tech. Sgt. Richard Corey, NCO in charge of preventive/refueling maintenance, 65 LRS, explained how this unique refueling operation was done.

"Normally, diesel fuel is dispensed with a 1,200-gallon tank truck," Sergeant Corey said. "This specific refueling operation, however, required us to have the capability of having 40,000 gallons of fuel available. We were able to convert one of our 6,000-gallon jet fuel trucks over to diesel to ensure the operation was done efficiently and effectively."

Major Hoff said this operation took a whole team, working jointly, to get the job done.

"This is just one example of how the wing's Airmen work in a joint-combined environment every day," Major Hoff said. "It would have been easy for our Airmen to have said, 'Hey, I've never refueled a ship before. I'm an aircraft refueler.'"

"They saw the bigger picture," he continued. "These Airmen knew their role was to get energy to things that need energy. They figured out a way to make it happen by converting an aircraft refueler into a ship refueler for an Army tugboat."

Depending on weather conditions, the "Major General Winfield Scott", and its ship in tow, the "Colonel Seth Warner", should arrive at Fort Eustis around the middle of August.



NEWS FEATURE



Photos by
Staff Sgt.
Marcus
McDonald

(Counterclockwise from left) Lauzelino Dias, refueling unit operator, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, refuels the "Major General Winfield Scott" at the military port in Praia July 28. The U.S. Army tugboat and its ship in tow, the "Colonel Seth Warner", departed Tuesday morning on a return trip to Fort Eustis, Va. Spc. Shanta Martin-Harris, food service specialist, prepares dinner for the crew of 25 Soldiers, all members of the 73rd Transportation Company.

Ed discusses Portuguese music, purchasing of land

By Ed Lima

65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

This week, I'll respond to two questions I received recently. The first question is about the music of Portugal and the second is about buying land in the Azores.

Is there a type of song or music that is characteristic to Portugal?

The type of song or music that is most characteristic to Portugal is called Fado, a music genre characterized by mournful tunes and lyrics that originated some centuries ago, according to some chronicles.

The word "Fado" means fate or destiny and its music is the heart of the Portuguese soul.

Fado's origin is difficult to ascertain, but according to the Wikipedia encyclopedia, it probably comes from a mixture of the laments of the African culture blended with the traditional music of Portuguese sailors and Arabic influence. Other theories relate the Fado's origin to the music of the Brazilian slaves that could have been brought by sailors around 1820.

There are two main varieties of Fado – those of the cities of Lisbon and Coimbra. The Lisbon style is more popular and with more rhythm, whereas the one from Coimbra has the characteristics of ballads and is more romantic.

The modern Fado is still very popular in Portugal and has produced many renowned musicians and singers. Fado is usually sung by men or women and accompanied by the Portuguese guitar, a 12-stringed instrument, and the classic guitar. In recent years, more instruments have been added to the performances such as

the piano, violin and accordion.

As with other forms of music, such as the American Blues or the Argentinean Tango, Fado cannot be explained; it must be felt and experienced. Fado has often been described as the Portuguese Blues.

Portugal has had many famous Fado singers like Alfredo Marceneiro, Maria Teresa de Noronha or Amália Rodrigues. The latter was considered the diva of Fado, worshiped at home and celebrated abroad as the most famous representative of Fado. Some of the famous musicians included Carlos Paredes, Artur Paredes or Antonio Portugal.

The Fado music, although not as much celebrated now as some decades ago, is still popular. Today, there is a new wave of Fado performers that added a new style and brought international popularity to the traditional Portuguese music, such as Mariza, Misia, Camané and others.

This form of music can be heard throughout the country, but especially in the city of Lisbon, where there are restaurants and night clubs that present exclusively Fado performers. These are places where people can go and taste a good Portuguese traditional meal or just have a drink while listening to this unique form of Portuguese culture.

Can a U.S. citizen, military or civilian, buy land or a house in the Azores? Can they build a house?

Any foreign citizen, American or any other nationality can buy land, a house or even build a house on any of the islands or any part of the Portuguese territory, provided they have legalized their

stay in the country through the Portuguese equivalent of immigration and naturalization services.

For example, an individual who comes to the Azores as a military member and decides to retire and live here would have to apply for an authorization that would allow him to permanently reside in the country.

However, foreign citizens must follow all legal procedures with several Portuguese government offices. This ensures the land or house they are buying is legally registered.

After the buyer reaches an agreement with the landowner or the owner of the house concerning the property's price, he or she needs to make an appointment at the notary's office for the deed. Once the deed is finished, the buyer also needs to register the property, land or house, in the Conservatória do Registo Predial (property's register office).

In addition, the buyer also needs to contact the Portuguese equivalent of Internal Revenue Service (Repartição de Finanças) to register the property in that department. Any foreign citizen who owns property in Portugal is subject to pay taxes.

If somebody intends to build a house on land that is already legally owned, the first step is to contact the city hall of the respective district or county where the land sits. This is so the buyer can get the required approval for the construction. This is a lengthy process which can take several months in some cases, depending on the location of the land and the city hall resources.

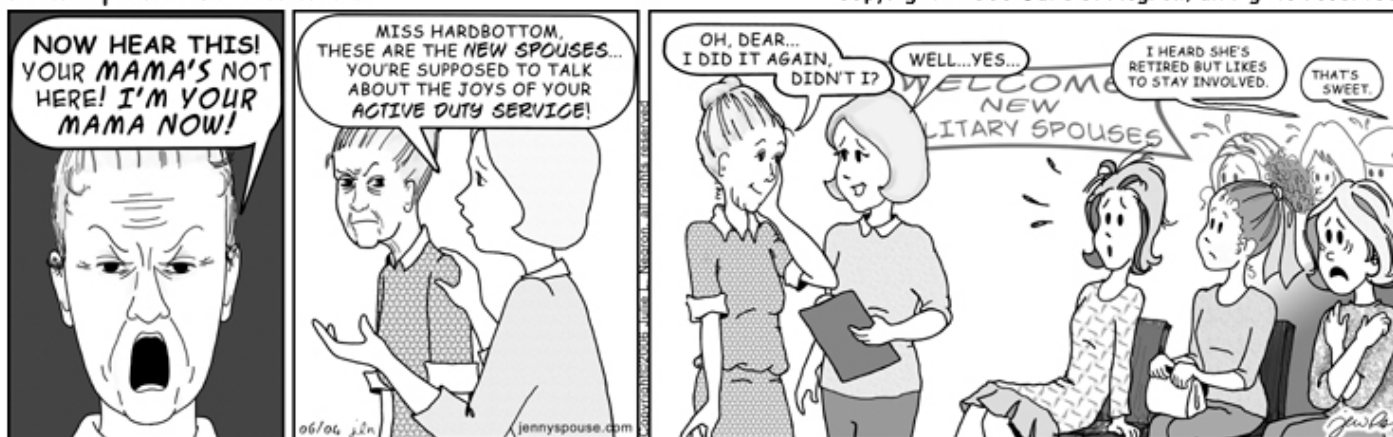
Ask Ed

Do you have a question you'd like Ed to answer? If so, e-mail news@lajes.af.mil.

Jenny, the military spouse

New Spouse Orientation

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No time for complacency this summer

By Maj. Brian Walker
Chief, 65th Air Base Wing Safety

U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recently sent a safety-gram throughout the Defense Department emphasizing leadership's role and accountability in reducing preventable accidents.

It was also a reminder for all of us to be vigilant and put safety first.

His message has great timing as we are currently 70 days into the "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign.

Lajes Field has done rather well so far.

My concern, for the remainder of the campaign, is that complacency may set in.

With today's kickoff of Praia Fest, it's a great time to remind each other to think through our actions, employ sound operational risk management principles (also known as common sense), use the wingman concept, and always have a "hip

pocket" backup plan when taking part in your summer activities.

In aircrew conversations, we'd often comment in jest during a mission that seemed to be going well, "what could possibly go wrong?" (knowing full and well that many obstacles still remained).

What could possibly go wrong?

You should answer the question of "what could possibly go wrong?" before engaging in any on- or off-duty activity, especially during the summer months.

The next step, a courageous one, is to help your mates make sound decisions as well.

Thank you for your commitment to being safe this summer.

I ask for your continued help of taking care of one another.

Ultimately safety is a collective responsibility — "one team, one fight."

Have a great and safe weekend.

Recent Incidents, Etc.

□ For the period of May 26 to July 31, Lajes had the following ground safety incidents:

* **Three Class Cs** (an accident that results in loss of a duty day)

* **Three Class Ds** (major medical care required but no loss of duty day)

* **14 Class Xs** (minor medical care required with no loss of duty day)

* One incident of driving under the influence of alcohol. **Note:** *The blood alcohol content threshold for a DUI incident begins at .05 in the Azores, which is the equivalent of having one beer for some people.*

□ To avoid getting a DUI, have a plan. If that plan falls through, call Lajes Against Drunk Driving at 964-955-992.

□ LADD is looking for volunteers. For details, call Tech. Sgt. Bill Rathbun, president, at 535-3304.

At the Movies



Today: 2 p.m., 7 p.m. – Cars starring Owen Wilson and Paul Newman. Lightning McQueen, a hotshot rookie race car driven to succeed, discovers that life is about the journey, not the finish line, when he finds himself unexpectedly detoured in the sleepy Route



66 town of Radiator Springs. **Rated G.** **10 p.m. – Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** starring Lucas Black and Shad 'Bow Wow' Gregory



Moss. Sean Boswell is an outsider who attempts to define himself as a hot-headed, underdog street racer. **Rated PG-13 for illegal teen behavior, violence, language and sexual content.**

Saturday: 2 p.m. – Cars; 10 p.m. – Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift

Sunday: 2 p.m. – Cars; Sunday: 7 p.m. – Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift

Thursday: 7 p.m. – Cars

Aug 11: 2 p.m. – Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties

starring Bill Murray and Jeniffer Hewitt. When Garfield follows his owner, Jon Arbuckle, to England, the U.K. may never recover, as Garfield is mistaken for a look-alike, regal cat who has inherited a castle. **Rated PG for off-color elements.**



SFS Blotter

July 25

Lost government property unsecured: The complainant entered the SDCC stating his POV license plate was no longer attached to the front of his vehicle.

The last time he remembered seeing the license plate was July 22.

July 29

Minor vehicle accident: A witness contacted the SDCC and reported he noticed that a vehicle accident occurred in front of T-307/Subway.

The driver of vehicle #1 contacted the SDCC stating she got into her POV, started it up and put on her seat belt. She looked though the rear view mirror and did not see another vehicle approaching. She then looked forward, put her turn signal on and proceeded to drive.

Suddenly, there was a vehicle on her driver's side. The driver then backed-up and scratched a third vehicle that was parked in front of her. The driver of vehicle #2 stated he was making a left turn out of the Subway parking lot and proceeded down the correct direction of travel.

The driver of vehicle #2 then stated he heard a loud noise and felt a strike against the right side of his car. He immediately stopped and exited the vehicle to see the damage from the collision. The owner of vehicle #3 stated that vehicle #1 hit the rear of his vehicle and left a dent and a scratch.

A passer-by, who witnessed the accident, stated he was driving by and saw Vehicle #1 pull out of the T-307 parking spot and then slam in Vehicle #2. Additionally, he stated he was driving in the opposite lane and watched both cars collide.

Lajes NCO takes first in Pro Am Golf Tournament

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A Lajes NCO claimed the top prize in Category D of the 2006 Pro Am Golf Tournament at the Terceira Golf Course last week.

Bill Rathbun, 65th Air Base Wing Safety office, took top accolades for the second consecutive year.

"It felt great to represent Lajes and repeat as the 'Gross Champion' two years in a row," the technical sergeant said.

The five-day tournament, which allows amateur golfers a chance to interact with professionals, included a practice round on day one, individual play in specific categories on days two and three, individual play in a Stableford (points earned) match on day four, and a Stableford match with a professional golfer on day five.

"I got a chance to interact with players from different countries and skill levels," he said. "We were all striving to get better at a game that's impossible to perfect – the game of golf."

Rathbun said he was the only American in the tournament and looks for more participation from base golfers in future golf tournaments.

"I would love to have seen more of the fine golfers we have on base out on the course representing Team Lajes," he said. "Golf has a handicap system that allows everyone to play and be competitive across the board. Whether you're a duffer, sandbagger or an up and coming professional, it's just a great game to be a part of."



Rathbun



Representing

Amanda Peters of the Lajes Women's Varsity Softball Team warms up before the first game of a tournament last month in Washington, D.C. Peters, Jojo Dancer and Heidi Hovorka took first in the tournament's relay throw competition; Tali Schmelzer took first and Misty Crose took third in the base running competition; and the team as a whole took first place in ladies homerun derby. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kazue Dancer)

Timeout

Build-A-Boat Challenge

The 65th Services Squadron holds its first Build-A-Boat Challenge Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the base swimming pool. People interested in participating should sign up by Aug. 25.

For more information, call the Community Center staff at 535-5216/4135.

Youth sport physicals

The 65th Medical Group holds the 2nd Annual Youth Sports Physicals Day Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign up at the Lajes Youth Center by

Aug. 21. Lajes youth planning to participate in any sporting event this year must have a current annual physical.

This is an opportunity for those moving onto a new assignment this summer to avoid the possible long wait or the inconvenience of having to get the physical at their next base.

The appointment will include a general health screening, a vision screening, education updates, immunization updates and blood work if needed.

Participants must bring their immunization records to the appointment and glasses or contacts for the vision

screening if worn. For more information, call Delia Tristao-Martinez at 535-3913.

Softball umpires

The Chace Fitness Center is looking for people to officiate softball games.

Plate umpires earn \$29 per game and field umpires make \$24 per game.

Applicants must have some softball knowledge, but will be fully trained and certified by a representative of the American Softball Association.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Adam Vaccarezza at 535-1290.



PLANNER

65th Services Squadron Normal Hours of Operation

Arts and Crafts Center
Wood/Engraving, Frame Shop
 (Bldg. T-308) 535-3909/535-5255
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays Noon-8 p.m.
 Wednesdays Noon-8 p.m.
 Thursdays Noon-8 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Sundays, Mondays Closed
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Atlantic Island Kennels
 (Bldg. T-587) 535-3855
 Weekdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon
 Sundays, holidays Closed
☐ Closed for lunch from 1 to 2 p.m. daily; groomer available by reservation during normal operating hours.

Auto Shop
 (Bldg. T-424) 535-3513
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturdays 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Sundays, Mondays Closed
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Auto Shop Annex
 (Bldg. T-424) 535-3174
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Thursdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Fridays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Sundays, holidays Closed

Burger King - AAFES
 (Bldg. T-169) 535-3849
 Mondays 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Tuesdays 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Wednesdays 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Thursdays 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Fridays 7 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 Saturdays 8 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 Sundays 8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Child Development Center
 (Bldg. T-209) 535-3188/3192
 Mondays 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Thursdays 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Fridays 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturdays, Sundays Closed
 U.S. holidays Closed

Community Center
 (Bldg. T-307) 535-4135/5216
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Sundays noon - 5 p.m.
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Fitness Center
 (Bldg. T-333) 535-6126
 Mondays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Tuesdays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Wednesdays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Thursdays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Fridays 5 a.m. - midnight
 Saturdays 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Sundays 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Down days 8 a.m. - midnight
 Holidays 8 a.m. - midnight

Flight Kitchen
 (Bldg. T-701) 535-6389/6390
 Under renovations Closed

Hillside Bowling Center
 (Bldg. T-169) 535-6210/1147
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
 Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Thursdays 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.
 Sundays 2 - 9:30 p.m.
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Human Resources Office
 (Bldg. T-112)
 535-6582/5200
 Weekdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Weekends, holidays Closed

Laundry and Dry Cleaners
 (Bldg. T-207) 535-3630
 Weekdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sundays Closed
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Library
 (Bldg. T-208) 535-3688
 Mondays 3 - 8 p.m.
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sundays 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Holidays Open
 Christmas Day Closed
 New Year's Day Closed

Lodging
 (Bldg. T-166) 535-5178
 295-54-5178 from off base
 Daily Open 24 hours

Oceanview Island Grill
 (Bldg. T-319) 535-3387
 Daily 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Home deliveries 4 - 11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation and Sports Equipment
 (Bldg. T-319) 535-4140
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Sundays 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Portuguese holidays Closed

Pre-Teen Program
 (Bldg. T-240) 535-1197
 Weekdays 2 - 6 p.m.
 Saturdays Closed
 Sundays Closed
 Friday socials 6 - 9 p.m.

School Age Program
 (Bldg. T-240) 535-1197
 Weekdays 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Weekends Closed
 U.S. holidays Closed
☐ Weekday hours are before and/or after school.

Subway
 (Bldg. T-307) 295-54-3324
 Mondays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Saturdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sundays noon - 6 p.m.

Teen Center
 (Bldg. T-240) 535-1197
 Weekdays 2 - 6 p.m.
 Fridays 8 p.m. - midnight
 Saturdays 8 p.m. - midnight

Sunday Closed

Top of the Rock Club
 (Bldg. T-121) 535-3202/6156
Administrative office
 Mondays 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Tuesdays through Fridays
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Breakfast
 Saturdays 8 a.m. - noon

Lunch
 Mondays through Saturdays
 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Dinner
 Tuesdays through Saturdays
 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Lounge
 Mondays Closed
 Tuesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
 Wednesdays 4 - 11 p.m.
 Thursdays 4 p.m. - 2 a.m.
 Fridays 4 p.m. - 4 a.m.
 Saturdays 4 p.m. - 3 a.m.
 Sundays Closed

Food and Fun
 Weekdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Fridays 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturdays 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Sundays Closed
 Portuguese holidays Closed
☐ Food and Fun closed the last working day of the month for inventory as well as all federal holidays and U.S. Army and Air Force training days.

Tradewinds Dining Facility
 (Bldg. T-415) 535-4156
Breakfast
 Weekdays, holidays 6 - 9 a.m.
 Weekends 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Lunch
 Weekdays 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Holidays 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Weekends 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dinner
 Weekdays 4 - 8 p.m.
 Holidays, weekends 4 - 8 p.m.

Midnight Meal
 Weekdays 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Holidays 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Weekends 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Veterinary Clinic
 (Bldg. T-459) 535-3134
 Weekdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Weekends Closed
☐ Night clinic available monthly.

Youth Program
Administrative Office
 (Bldg. T-240) 535-3273/1197
 Weekdays noon to 5:30 p.m.



EVENTS

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

Note: If trying to reach POCs off base, dial 295-57-XXXX (last four digits of the number listed).

In the Community

Street bullfights: Saturday: 6:30 p.m. Areeiro, Fontinhas; 6:30 p.m. Rua da Guarita, Angra; **Sunday:** 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, Terra Chã; **Tuesday:** 6 p.m. Juncal; **Wednesday:** 6 p.m. Juncal; 6:30 p.m. Quatro Ribeiras; **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Running of the bulls for children in the street next to Modelo Store in Praia; 6:30 p.m. Quatro Ribeiras; Aug. 11: 6 p.m. Street next to Modelo Store in Praia

Miscellaneous

Clinical information system: The 65th Medical Group will implementing a new Department of Defense-wide clinical information system this month and experience a reduction in appointments during the training, which takes place next week. The staff will do their best to restore access as soon as possible. For information on the new system, visit <http://www.ha.osd.mil/AHLTA/>.

Girl Scouts: Girl Scouts hold registrations for the upcoming year and for Girl Scout Day camp today from 5 to 6 p.m. and Aug. 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Scout Hut, located next to the base school. Registration for the year is \$10 and day camp is \$35; a \$10 discount applies for already registered Girl Scouts. Girls from kindergarten through grade 12 may register for Girl Scouts. Adults who may be interested in helping out may also register. For more information email annalilley@hotmail.com.

Lunch and Learn: This month's Lunch and Learn entitled "Wealth 101" takes place Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ACE Center Auditorium in Bldg. T-146. Al Duarte, executive editor of "Military Money Magazine" will be on hand to discuss the basics of wealth-building to include cash equivalents, bonds, stocks, and mutual funds, tax-deferred investments, employer-sponsored

retirement plans, college savings plans, traditional IRA and the Roth IRA, term annuities, dollar cost averaging and will also help you calculate your net worth. For more details, call Master Sgt. Lisa Bryant at 535-6197.

Home buying seminars: The Lajes Airman and Family Readiness Center will hold home buying seminars Aug. 10 and Aug. 31 from 8 to 11 a.m. This class will cover renting, buying, affordability, location as well as mortgages and how to shop for them. Seating will be limited. To sign up or for more information, call 535-4138.

Schools

Summer office hours: The Elementary School office is combining with the High School office as one Lajes American School office located in the present High School office. The office will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the summer months. New families can register anytime. For details, call 535-4151.

Lajes American School 2006-2007 schedule: Grades 6-12: 7:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., school begins Aug. 28; Grades 1-5: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., school begins Aug. 28. Kindergarten: 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., school begins Sept. 5.

PreSchool Children with Disabilities: 8:15 to 10:45 a.m. first day of school to be determined; Sure Start: 9 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. the first day of school will be determined.

Base Chapel

Vacation Bible School training: 2 p.m. Saturday.

Can Food Drive at Mass: 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Catholic Ice Cream Social: 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant Women of the Chapel monthly fellowship: 7 p.m. Aug. 14.

Vacation Bible School: 9 a.m. Aug. 14-18.

Assumption of Mary Mass: 5 p.m. Aug. 15.

New Creation Café: 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at Eddie's Place (65th LRS Compound).

SUM Dinner hosted by Air Force Sergeant's Association: 5:30 p.m. Aug. 24.

Children and Youth Movie Night: 6 p.m. Aug. 25.

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the chapel.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Anderson at 535-4211.

Education

UMUC Term 1: Term 1 registration with the University of Maryland University College begins Monday. Students have the option of registering online or through their local field representatives. Students can earn certificates, and associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees in a broad selection of disciplines; many classes are available online. UMUC also accepts a variety of financial aid sources. UMUC has also expanded distance education options, giving students more online undergraduate courses to choose

from. Term 1 on-site classes run from Aug. 21 through Oct. 14. For details, call 535-4187.

Central Texas College: CTC is offering four onsite classes (two Criminal Justice and one each of Early Childhood Development and Food and Beverage Management. Term 1 registration continues through Aug. 18. Call 535-6722 for more details.

OU: The next course being offered for the Fall is HR 5412-222, "Chemical Dependency," an elective course towards the Master of Human Relations degree. The course dates are Sept. 26 to Oct. 1. Aug. 28 is the last day to add or drop the class.

Jobs/Volunteer

OU site manager: The University of Oklahoma is seeking applicants for a full-time (40 hours a week) site manager. Deadline for receipt of applications is Aug. 11. The position is to start approximately Sept. 1. For more details, call Jaclyn Kemp at 535-3171.

Classified Ads

E-mail ads to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

Looking to buy patio furniture. If you're PCSing and wanting to sell your furniture, call me at 295-549-248.

The CGOC is having another mug sale. Mugs cost \$20 each, are customized with your personal call sign, and entitle you to dollar beers or 50 cent sodas at the Top of the Rock club bar. Call Lt. Liam Clancy at 535-2325 to place your order.

For Sale: 2005 Toyota Camry LE, automatic, black exterior, 4-cyl VVT-i engine, only 10.5k miles, remote entry/alarm, power locks/windows, AM/FM/CD, factory tint, spoiler, dealer maintained (even on island), factory warranty. \$18,500. Call 295-549-609 or email troyandeddie@gmail.com.

PCSing to a base in or near Florida? 2001 Harley-Davidson FLST Heritage Softail. Excellent condition, one owner, garage kept, lots of extra chrome including front forks and nacelle headlamp, Screamin Eagle pipes, passenger back rest, luggage rack, nostalgic chrome and rubber floor boards, pedals and grips, detachable windshield. Security system. Fuel injected. All maintenance records available. 48,000 miles. Price is firm at \$12,000. Call Al at 772-223-4000, ext 1. Check it out at cycletrader.com; search for Harleys in ZIP code 34997.

For Sale: 27" TV w/ remote \$70. Call Cory at 535-3528.

For Sale: 2005 530i BMW - 6-speed manual, 13,000 miles, excellent condition. Includes: Sport Package, Dakota leather, and front heated seats. If interested, call Tara at 963-345-385.

For Sale: 1997 Ford Eddie Bauer Expedition with leather seats, power steering, automatic windows, 4 new tires, sunroof, power steering, tow rack—Great SUV!!! For info, call 295-549-670.

PCS Sale: Sewing Machine cabinet - \$50; Gas Grill - \$65; Large dog kennel - \$35. Free to good homes - two male half lab/half blue heeler dogs; neutered, all shots current; includes houses, leashes, collars, etc. Great pets/guard dogs. Contact Paul or Paula: Work 535-6113; Evenings 295-549-270

For sale: More than 160 movies DVD's \$5 each DVD's 2 disc set \$8 each, 2 or 3 cassette set \$10/\$15 Call 295-218-978 or call 966-263-408. For the list, send an e-mail to kev_n_alda@yahoo.com.

For sale: Womens clothing brand new \$5-10/ piece size 7/8; Fancy body care products; Brand new sandals \$20 a pair. Call 967-994-832.

For sale: 21" TV w/ remote, dual voltage, multi-system. Paid \$130, asking \$90. Only used four months. Silver. Call 295-543-339 or 968-095-916.

For sale: 2 m130 Palm Pilots \$100 each will sell both together for \$150; AIWA 5 mini disk / 3 CD changer stereo \$100; 1 Sony and 1 JVC mini-disk players \$50 for both; Minolta 35mm camera and lens \$400 or OBO. For more information, e-mail addodge0430@yahoo.com or call 295-516-308.